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Dear Neighbors:

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the public hearing on the Village's Draft Comprehensive (Master) Plan to be held Monday, October 21. The plan is intended to serve as a visionary policy guide for the future growth and development of our Village. It was prepared by the Irvington Land Use Committee, which was charged with the following mandate: "to examine and provide potential alternatives to the Board of Trustees regarding the land use and growth management initiatives the Village should follow in the future in order to preserve the existing character of the Village, to protect the health, safety, environment and quality of life enjoyed by Irvington residents; to mitigate the effects of rapid growth expansion, to protect environmentally sensitive areas, including our inland water courses, to preserve open spaces and to create new green spaces, with special sensitivity to our scenic vistas and historic landscapes".

The Land Use Committee has produced an outstanding work product. We owe thanks to Committee Chairs Caroline Niemczyk and Lou Lustenberger and to committee members Jan Blaire, Nicola Coddington, Pat Gilmartin, Brenda Livingston, Erin Malloy, and Evan Mason. They've done their job now it's time to do ours by becoming familiar with the plan and by providing comments regarding it. It is very important that we have a sense of community participation and endorsement of the final plan.

This newsletter includes (as a special insert) an executive summary of the plan recommendations. Additionally, the entire draft plan is available for review at the Village Library, at Village Hall, and on the Village's website at <http://village.irvington.ny.us>. Do your homework and come to the public hearing on October 21, to provide your input. The public hearing will be held in the program room of the Irvington Library beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Irvington Historical Society has begun efforts to raise funds to restore the McVickar House at 131 Main Street which was acquired by the Village, and is to be transferred to the Historical Society. It is planned to contain a history center, a small museum, and a headquarters for the Society. If you are interested in helping the Society in this worthy effort contact Betsy Wilson at 591-2564 or bgwilson24@msn.com.

Dennis P. Flood, Mayor

The Unveiling of Rip Van Winkle

On Saturday, September 21, 2002, "an inspired idea became an awe-inspiring reality." As program moderator Doug Wilson bellowed, "Wake up Rip, Wake up," Mayor Dennis Flood and sculptor Richard Maslowski, unveiled the statue of Rip Van Winkle to the delight of those gathered at his permanent resting place on Main Street.

Mayor Dennis Flood praised all those involved in making this idea a reality.



Sculptor Richard Maslowski and Mayor Dennis Flood unveil Rip Van Winkle

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Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Report Presented

At the request of Irvington Mayor Dennis Flood, Village staff presented a Traffic and Pedestrian Safety report to the Board of Trustees and attending public at a regular Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, September 17th. The report was prepared and presented by Deputy Administrator Donald Marra and Police Lieutenant Louis Grieco.

The report reviewed 1.) Recent Resident Concerns and Requests, 2.) The Mayor's Response, 3.) Current Police Activity and Initiatives, 4.) Recommended Village-Wide Initiatives, 5.) Recommended Actions on Specific Streets, and, 6.) Future Initiatives.

The presentation is currently being shown on Irvington Cable Channel 73 (airing daily at 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., and midnight) and may be downloaded on the village web site: <http://village.irvington.ny.us>

Village Establishes 'No Solicit' List

The Village has established a new mechanism to help residents keep unwanted solicitors from visiting their property. A list has been established and maintained at Village Hall. The list will be provided to any organizations that receive a soliciting permit from the Village of Irvington. The list will contain addresses of those residents that do not wish to be visited by solicitors.

The list is being maintained as a service to residents, however, it should be noted that solicitors still have the legal right to solicit, even if your address appears on Irvington's list. So, please do not call Village Hall or the Police Department if you are visited by an unwanted solicitor. The best way to prevent unwanted solicitations is to post a sign on your door or property such as NO SOLICITING or NO TRESPASSING.

If you wish to be placed on the No Solicit list, please visit the Village Clerk's office in Village Hall and fill out a form. A copy of the form can also be downloaded on the village web site.

Help Wanted

School Crossing Guard - Contact Lieutenant Raimondo or Lieutenant Grieco at 591-8080.

Camera Operator - needed to film Village special events and meetings. \$10 per hour. Great learning opportunity for students. Contact Larry Schopfer at 591-7070 or lschopfer@village.irvington.ny.us.

Scenic Hudson Park Plaque Dedication

Saturday, October 26 - 3:00 p.m.

Public invited to attend - Refreshments served

Water Update

Now that summer has ended, and with it the most persistent period of discolored water in memory, we can look forward to much improved service pending completion of the Catskill Aqueduct pump station.

We began using the Croton Aqueduct on July 17th after the Town of Greenburgh was unable to supply adequate water due to the unusually high consumption experienced during the summer.

Unfortunately, the very hot days in July and August increased the water temperature in the Croton System causing an algae bloom, which was the main reason for the discolored water, which was always safe albeit unpleasant.

We returned to using the Town of Greenburgh Delaware Aqueduct on September 5th and noticeable improvement in the water color was apparent after only two days.

The completion of the Catskill pump station later this year will end the necessity of seasonal use of the Croton Aqueduct and provide the Village of Irvington with a reliable source of water.



Irvington Town Hall Theater

Exciting things are happening at the Irvington Town Hall Theater. Broadway has come to

Ferris and Main Street for your enjoyment. Why travel to New York City when you can have it all at home at a fraction of the cost, no travel time, less babysitting expenses and totally hassle free? You can even play that round of golf without stressing out about leaving for the city early to have dinner and make curtain time. The current Broadway stars are coming here on their dark night on Broadway, December 8th for the All-Star Holiday Concert. Back for their sixth encore presentation, this event is selling out fast! Don't miss it.

Come celebrate our Theater's 100th birthday and Irvington Town Hall Theater, Inc.'s 25th anniversary with *A Salute to Broadway*. This is their tenth musical, a revue of all their decade of Broadway shows and stars, directed by Michael Penta and George Trautwein, on November 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10th. Opening night is a special fundraiser for the Theater. Dine at **Solera on Hudson** for a private tapas and wine supper, enjoy Broadway at the Theater, and attend a post-performance champagne reception at a lovely French country home nearby. Priority seating is reserved for all you theater angels.

Our theatrical lights are going to be even brighter and more on cue for our Milky Way because the Village of Irvington has been awarded a \$7,000 grant for the purchase of a computerized lighting board for the Theater. This grant was made possible by a Community Projects Appropriation item, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Brodsky.

Our event calendar has a smorgasbord of many treats. For all the young thespians, Irvington Children's Theater will be performing *Into the Woods* in January, with the new Senior troupe director Steve Zawal. For details on that and more pick up our calendar and reserve your seat at the box office 591-6602.

Halsey Pond Park Clean Up A Success



On July 13th, over 40 volunteers gathered to pitch in and harvest algae from Halsey Pond and perform a general clean-up of the park. By all accounts, the operation was a success. Using nets and rakes the volunteers scooped up algae from the Pond and picked up branches and rubbish. At the same time, a team of village workers used heavy equipment

and hand tools to remove the harvested algae as well as tree trunks and limbs. Everyone in attendance agreed that it was a very worthwhile effort.

Village Seeks Volunteers For Stormwater Reduction Project

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II program requires small communities such as Irvington to implement initiatives in order to minimize the impact of stormwater runoff on area waterways. EPA requirements recommend that local governments perform the following actions:

1. Establish a public education and outreach program addressing the impacts of stormwater runoff.
2. Develop initiatives to encourage public involvement and participation in developing and implementing stormwater control programs.
3. Detection and elimination of illicit and illegal connections to storm sewer storm sewer systems.
4. Control of runoff from construction sites disturbing more than one acre.
5. Postconstruction stormwater controls or treatment from new developments and redeveloped sites.
6. Pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices as part of regular or routine operations and maintenance of storm sewer systems.

Therefore, the Village is soliciting Volunteers for a committee to assist in municipal efforts to implement these requirements. Residents interested in volunteering to be a part of this initiative are asked to call the Superintendent of Public Works Bob Mascianica at 591-4271.

Congratulations...On Your Anniversary of Service

Department Of Public Works

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| Christopher Guiliano | 25 Years |
| Steven Caporal | 20 Years |
| Morris Lamberti, Jr. | 20 Years |

Water Department

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| Joseph Slavin | 20 Years |
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Village Clerk-Treasurer

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| Lawrence S. Schopfer | 10 Years |
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Police Department

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| Steven DelliColli | 10 Years |
| Kevin Johnson | 10 Years |
| Raube McDaniels | 5 Years |

Scenic Hudson Park earns award for engineering excellence

Irvington's Scenic Hudson Park was the winner of an award for engineering excellence for the design and construction of the park. The award was presented by the New York Association of Consulting Engineers to Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. and the Village.



Mayor Dennis Flood receives Design Award from Mike Taylor of Malcolm Pirnie

Phone Slamming Hits Home

An Irvington Village resident and a businessperson were victims of so called long distance telephone company "slamming", i.e. receiving billings for long distance phone service they did not expressly order. If you do not expressly reject an offer for long distance service certain companies will assume your tacit approval and provide you with often duplicate long distance services, billing you accordingly. Be cautious when receiving any proposals from long distance providers, and always carefully inspect your telephone bills. Questions or comments regarding "slamming", may be directed to the Director of Consumer Protection at Westchester County, telephone number 995-2162.



At The Library

New Library Cards: With the advent of computers, we have gone from having no library cards to the old gray ones with the paper barcode on the back to several editions of the WLS card with the barcode imprinted on the card. Our newest card is actually two cards: one credit card size, easy to fit in your wallet; and a smaller one just to attach to your key chain. If you would like one of the new cards, ask at the circulation desk the next time you are in the library.

Email Information

To join our email mailing list, go to LibraryNews-subscribe@village.irvington.ny.us. You'll automatically be added to our list.

To email us a question, send it to irvref@westchesterlibraries.org



Halloween Events

Stuff A Scarecrow

Saturday, October 5th - 11:00 a.m.

In Matthiessen Park - Event is for the entire family. An adult must accompany children and participants should bring clothes, decorations etc. for their scarecrow.



Paint A Pumpkin

Saturday, October 5th - 1:00 p.m.

In Matthiessen Park - Event is for the entire family. An adult must accompany children and participants should bring materials to decorate their pumpkins, paint will be provided.

Note: **Bring a box to carry wet pumpkins home!**



Campfire In The Park

Friday, October 11th - 6:30 - to 8:30 p.m.

In Matthiessen Park - Event is for families and friends. Listen to music and stories while sitting around the *campfire!*

Co-sponsored by the Irvington Volunteer Fire Department

Window Painting Contest

Saturday, October 26th - 10:00 a.m. sign in and pick up paints

Grades 2nd - through 7th

Participants paint *Halloween* pictures for store windows.

Rules will be provided at time of registration.

Registration required for all programs.

For additional information on any of the programs please call the Recreation Center at: 591-7736.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sunday, October 27th - 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Begins at 2:30 p.m. sharp!



Parade will begin in the Immaculate Conception School parking lot and end in the Middle School parking lot. The Irvington Volunteer Fire Department will supply refreshments and *treats!*



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